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71/131. Tribute to Mr. Ban Ki-moon, Secretary-General of the United Nations

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 61/3 of 13 October 2006, by which Mr. Ban Ki-moon was appointed Secretary-General of the United Nations,

Recalling also Security Council resolution 1715 (2006) of 9 October 2006, by which the Council recommended to the General Assembly that Mr. Ban Ki-moon be appointed Secretary-General of the United Nations,

Welcoming Security Council resolution 2311 (2016) of 6 October 2016,

Recalling its resolution 71/4 of 13 October 2016, by which it appointed Mr. António Guterres Secretary-General,

Acknowledging with deep gratitude the tireless efforts and dedicated service provided to the Organization during the past 10 years by Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon,

Recognizing the high professional and personal qualities and the unwavering dedication and solid leadership he brought to the performance of his duties and responsibilities,

Placing on special record his many bold initiatives – political, diplomatic and organizational – and his important achievements, in particular with respect to the Sustainable Development Goals, the Paris Agreement on climate change, the advancement of human rights, including in areas of women's empowerment and gender equality, and United Nations reform,

1. *Pays warm tribute* to Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon for his exceptional contribution to the work of the Organization, and his noteworthy achievements in improving people's lives and protecting our planet for future generations, and in promoting and protecting human rights and fundamental freedoms for all, in the interest of a safer and more secure world;

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2. *Expresses its deep gratitude* to Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon for having undertaken initiatives and advanced numerous proposals with a view to enhancing the Organization's capacity to meet the major challenges of our time in the areas of peace and security, sustainable development and human rights.

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